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What is my wish? I wish to serve.

Whom do I wish to serve? The Lord in His wretched ones,
and His poor.

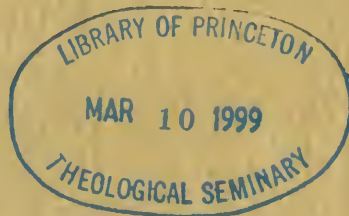
And what is my reward?—That I may.

And if I perish in this service? He will not let me perish.

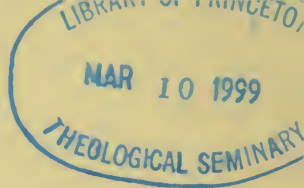
And if I grow old in this service? So shall my heart be re-
newed—

I go my way in peace, casting all my care upon Him.

Deaconess Motto—by W. Løphe.



“For what is life if you do not live in it?”



Even when we are most wildly trying to thrust both hands deep into life we may be skirting around it—staying on the outside of it.

There are young women who think that those live most intensely who circle the North Pole, swim the English Channel, or return to savagery in the South Sea Islands. But life is not wholly or even in great part a matter of externals. Its currents flow from inner springs.

The photographs in this leaflet represent life—as our Deaconesses live it—only a little bit of their life, perhaps—but we hope enough to show that in the consecration of their own lives these deaconesses enter more fully than most of us into Life today.

If our photographers had been given unlimited dry plates, what pictures we might have had! We should have seen humanity with its ecstasies and its agonies—in street and subway, in school, in church, in hospital, in home.

More than 32,000 deaconesses in the world today, 450 of these in the Lutheran Church in this country, are finding life really worth while in minis-

tering to helpless little ones and to homeless aged, to the sick in their homes and in hospitals, to destitute families, to straying and lost sheep of the Lord among the unchurched masses and to the faithful members of the flock in large parishes. Deaconesses from the nine Motherhouses in America are filling the following positions: Teachers in the Kindergarten, Grammar and High School Departments of a Girls School, in the Deaconess Training School, and in the Nurses Training School; Superintendent of Nurses; Supervising Nurses; Technician in the X-Ray Department; Physiotherapist; Dieticians; Household Supervisors; Superintendents of Children's Homes and of Old Folks Homes; Pharmacists; Social Service Workers; Office Workers (admitting patients, etc.); Executive Secretary of an Inner Mission Society; Matron of a Hospice for Women; Counsellors and care-takers of children and of aged in Homes; and Parish Workers.

Whether you are a teacher or a nurse, a stenographer or a clerk, a social service worker, or an untrained volunteer, you may increase the influence, the satisfaction, the value of your life by enlisting in your Church's Ministry of Mercy.

May many more of our young women answer the Master's call and find life by losing it in joyous, unselfish service for others?

The Deaconess in Training



Baltimore Motherhouse

Ready for an afternoon of visitation in Hospitals
and Inner Mission Institutions

The Deaconess as a Teacher



A group of Lankenau Girls with their teachers at the summer cottage, Cape May Point.



The Music Club of the Lankenau School presents a "Little Dutch Dance."

The Deaconess as a Teacher



A Kindergarten at Work

The Deaconess as a Teacher



A Kindergarten at Play

The Deaconess as a Nurse



Nursing brings many contacts with patients, doctors, nurses.

The Deaconess as a Nurse



Surgical Ward in Children's Hospital of the
Philadelphia Motherhouse

Ministering to the Sick



Scene in the Dispensary

Ministering to the Sick



The joy that you give to others
Is the joy that comes back to you

At River Crest



Looking for the Easter Bunny

In a City Settlement



A Quilting Class at the Lutheran Settlement House
in Philadelphia

Bringing Joy to the Aged



[A Group from the Home for the Aged, Philadelphia—Entertaining His Friends

Bringing Joy to the Aged



Lutheran Home for the Aged, Erie, Pa.
Congratulating Tante Bertha on her 89th birthday

*The Parish
Deaconess*



Reading to
the Shut-ins

The Parish Deaconess



A Daily Vacation Bible School

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